



## ERRATA NOTICE

### MEA Grade 8 Science Student Reports

To: Maine Superintendents and Principals

From: Lisa Ehrlich, Vice President, Measured Progress

Subject: MEA Science Reports, Grade 8

The example presented on the Grade 8 MEA Science Student Report does not match the selected test question released by the Maine Department of Education. **All items on the Grade 8 MEA Science Assessment were correct; this correction only applies to the example presented in the student report.**

#### What is the Correction Needed?

While the question stem and graphic in the MEA Released Question on the student reports are correct, the text in the answer choices does not reflect what the students saw on the exam.

#### Question Number 12

The table below shows data for some satellites orbiting Earth.

Name of Satellite	Distance above Earth (km)	Mass (kg)
EOS-PM Aqua	680	2,832
Eutelsat W3A	35,786	2,000
Formosat-2	734	631
Galaxy-12	35,786	800

- 61% A. an increase in the algae population  
 24% B. an increase in the fish population  
 9% C. an increase in the mosquito population  
 6% D. an increase in the lake's depth

Your child chose C.

61% of Maine students chose the correct answer A.

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Which satellite should have the greatest gravitational force?

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 24% B. Eutelsat W3A  
 9% C. Formosat-2  
 6% D. Galaxy-12

Your child chose C.

61% of Maine students chose the correct answer A.

Incorrect Item on the 2014-2015 Student Report

Corrected Item for the 2014-2015 Student Report

### **What is the Scope of the Update?**

Since the MEA Released Question is part of the report shell, all of the Grade 8 Science Student Reports have been affected. Measured Progress has completed a check of the student score data elements as well as all of the school, district, and state aggregations and has verified that the student score data and aggregations were not affected by this needed text correction. Measured Progress will be updating all of the online Grade 8 Science Student Reports with the correct text for the MEA Released Question. The updated online student reports will be available to access on iServices on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Paper copies are available upon request [see below].

### **Does this Affect the Student's Score?**

Student scores are not affected by this.

### **How Can a Parent Receive a Report with the Correct Information?**

If a parent would like an updated paper copy of the student report, schools are welcome to print any of the reports from iServices that they need. If the school does not wish to print the report, the school may contact the Maine Service Center at (866) 615-2745 and Measured Progress will reprint and send the report to the address we are provided within three business days.

*We apologize for any inconvenience that this has caused.*